

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2439 – SB 2556**

March 7, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires a tenant that provides an electronic mail address to a landlord to provide written notice to the landlord if the tenant desires to change the electronic mail address.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014061):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Specifies that a person commits criminal impersonation who, with the intent to injure or defraud another person, pretends to have a disability-related need for an assistance animal in order to obtain an exception to a landlord's policy that prohibits pets or establishes limits on the types of pets that tenants are authorized to possess on residential property.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation defines an assistance animal as an animal that works, provides assistance, or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, or provides emotional support that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-16-301(c)(1), the offense of criminal impersonation under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-16-301(a) is a Class B misdemeanor.
- There will not be a significant number of misdemeanor prosecutions for local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

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- Any increase in caseloads to the courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will be absorbed utilizing existing resources. Any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

## **IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption:

- Expanding the crime of criminal impersonation will not result in any significant impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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